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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action containing a restriction requirement which was mailed on June 20, 2007. The Office Action stated a period for reply of one month. Therefore, this paper filed July 13, 2007 is timely filed.

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